

THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU

Esteem Your Leaders

- I. **We are to esteem and value our leaders-1Th5:12**-We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves-(**CEV**-Show them great respect-**NIV**-Hold them in the highest regard-**GNB**-Treat them with the greatest respect-**WILL**-Hold them in the highest esteem-**WEB**-Respected and honor them)
- A. Esteeming your leaders is not making much of flesh, but we esteem them for their work's sake-Make much of them because of the anointing GOD placed on them to lead you, because of the place GOD has given them over you to lead you, because GOD sent them to you and this is making much of the work they are doing in your life and by doing that you are actually esteeming GOD who sent them-**Jn5:23**-He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
- B. "It's just a man" is devilish-It's a failure to acknowledge the anointing God placed on them and the place God has given them over you; There's anointing/place given to them by God and if you don't respect the anointing/place you don't respect God-**Nm16:3**-Wherefore then lift ye yourselves above the congregation of The Lord-**Mk6:3**-Is not this the carpenter, the sone of Mary?
- II. **The enemy has made a concerted effort to get people to demean, despise and belittle leadership-If the enemy can get you to despise and reject the leader he can keep you from the things you are to receive through that leader-Lk4:29**-Thrust him out of the city...led him unto the brow of the hill...that they might cast him down headlong-**Is53:3**-He is despised and rejected of men
- A. Resisting the ones God sends is the same as resisting Him-Ac7:51-Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?
- B. God was trying to help them through their leaders-Mt23:37-O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not
- C. Often the remedy lies in the one God sent to you-2Ch36:16-Mocked the messengers of God and despised his words and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy
- III. **How much you receive through your leader is directly connected to how much you esteem them-If you don't acknowledge the call and anointing on their lives to lead you and value it, it'll affect what you receive from them-Mt10:12**-And when ye come into an house, salute it.¹³And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.¹⁴And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.